

Khilafah

Terrorism Al Qaeda

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Global jihad might reach into Detroit not because of Iraq or Al Qaeda but through Khilafah

Detroit could become an Islamic state governed by the same culture of fear the Taliban fostered when they ruled parts of Afghanistan if jihadist who emulate Al Qaeda had their way.

Farfetched? Yes.

But it is not science fiction according to the definition of "Islamic land" by the Hizb-ut-Tahrir. Hizb-ut-Tahrir is the "media operations" for the jihadists who struggle for a great Islamic-based religious government also known as Khilafah or "Islamic state." Hizb-ut-Tahrir says Khilafah should exist in "Islamic land."

"The Islamic land, by definition, is the territory where the Islamic rules had been implemented, or where most of its people are Muslims," according to a Hizb-ut-Tahrir open letter to Indonesia's president posted on Khilafah.com, <http://www.khilafah.com/home/index.php>.

In the wake of the London bombings, media reported Al Qaeda has recently become a global "enabler" of terrorism on the heels of the Iraq war. But other experts say that Al Qaeda has always been global, but now also serves as an inspiration and an icon to jihadists who want to reinstate a religious government that existed around 600 AD, known as Khilafah, in lands that were once or now have a majority of Muslims.

It's interesting that jihadists want to claim territory that has a Muslim majority since only a small percentage of Muslims are jihadists.

"If we're talking about percentages, maybe the supporters of global jihad are only 1 percent of the Muslim world," says Reuven Paz, the head of the Project for the Research of Islamic Movements in Israel in a article called Iraq, Internet fuel growth of global jihad by Dan Murphy, a The Christian Science Monitor staff writer.

Khilafah appeals to those one percent because of globalization according the book, Jihad vs. McWorld by Benjamin Barber.

Barber says an unchecked global market economy races ahead of a community that could balance it and marginalizes religion and other community values and even the indigenous population, frustrates the Muslim community it seems to displace. Jihadists use the most convenient tools available to promote what they perceive as the counter culture to this movement; globalization. Muslims in these communities use more peaceful methods.

They also try to distance themselves

from the jihadists. This is what the more than one million Muslims who live in Spain did recently, according to The Christian Science Monitor article Spanish Muslims decry Al Qaeda recently March 14, 2005 edition <http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/0314/p06s01-woeu.html> Muslim clerics in Spain issued a Fatwa saying the jihadists aren't even Muslim.

"Since [Osama] bin Laden and his organization defend the legality of terrorism and base that defense in the sacred Koran and the Sunna ... [they] have made themselves apostates,"

Khi|la|fah [key-lah-fah]: The state or Caliphate that is governed by the Khalifa is called a **Khilafah**

The Muslim Khalifa is the successor (in a line of successors) to Prophet Muhammad's position as the political, military, and administrative leader of the Muslims. The prophetic role of Muhammad is strictly not included in this definition, as the Qur'an and Hadith clearly state that Muhammad was the last of the prophets. Khilafa is a related Arabic word which, in the context of Islam, is used to denote the government of the Muslim state, of which the Khalifa is the head. A workable analogy of Khalifa and Khilafa is president and presidency or king and monarchy. The Khilafa is a fard kifaya on the ummah Source <http://www.usc.edu/dept/MSA/politics/khalifa.html>.

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ENEMIES OF THE STATES

Since the beginning of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom there have been more than 5,000 fatalities as a result of terrorism. It could be said that terrorism is now conventional warfare, one must know the enemy to defeat them this is our attempt to help you know yours.

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Iraq



Groups operating in Iraq:

Tanzim Qa'idat **Mission:** Overthrow Iraqi government, establish Islamic state by forcing out U.S.-led coalition. **Number of Attacks:** 108 **Fatalities/Injuries:** 581/1160 **Key Leader:** Abu al-Zarqawi **Related Groups:** Ansar al-Islam, Ansar al-Sunnah, Islamic Army in Iraq, Tawhid and Jihad, al Qaeda

Ansar al-Sunnah **Mission:** Establish an Islamic State **Number of Attacks:** 22 **Fatalities/Injuries:** 332/614 **Related Groups:** Ansar al-Islam, Army of the Followers of Sunni Islam, Islamic Army in Iraq, Tanzim Qa'idat, al Qaeda

Islamic Army in Iraq **Mission:** Drive all U.S. and Coalition forces out of Iraq **Number of Attacks:** 18 **Fatalities/Injuries:** 29/14 **Key Leader:** Ishmael Jubour **Related Groups:** Ansar al-Sunnah, Tanzim Qa'idat

Ansar al-Islam **Mission:** Drive all U.S. and Coalition forces out of Iraq, Islamic State **Number of Attacks:** 3 **Fatalities/Injuries:** 17/20 **Key Leader:** Krekar, Mullah (Imprisoned) **Related Groups:** Ansar al-Sunnah, Tanzim Qa'idat, Tawhid and Jihad, al Qaeda

Tawid and Jihad **Mission:** Dedicated to committing terrorist attacks against the U.S.-led coalition and Iraqi government and security forces **Number of Attacks:** 25 **Fatalities/Injuries:** 195/221 **Key Leader:** Abu al-Zarqawi **Related Groups:** Ansar al-Islam, Tanzim Qa'idat, al Qaeda

Saraya al-Shuhuada **Mission:** Oppose U.S. policies in Iraq **Number of Attacks:** 2 **Fatalities/Injuries:** 19/7

Army of the Followers of Sunni Islam **Mission:** Oppose U.S. and supporters **Number of Attacks:** 1 **Fatalities/Injuries:** 3/0 **Related Groups:** Ansar al-Sunnah

Mujahedin-e-Khalq (MeK) **Mission:** Overthrow Iranian government **Number of Attacks:** 18 **Fatalities/Injuries:** 36/80 **Key Leader:** Maryam and Massoud Rajavi **Related Groups:** National Council of Resistance of Iran, National Liberation Army of Iran

As Aiman

Makharanat

Al Basrah

al-Faruq Brigades **Mission:** Cleanse Baghdad, the City of Peace, of the invaders, by the grace of God **Number of Attacks:** 1 **Fatalities/Injuries:** 7/1 **Key Leader:** Abd al-Maghribi

Afghanistan

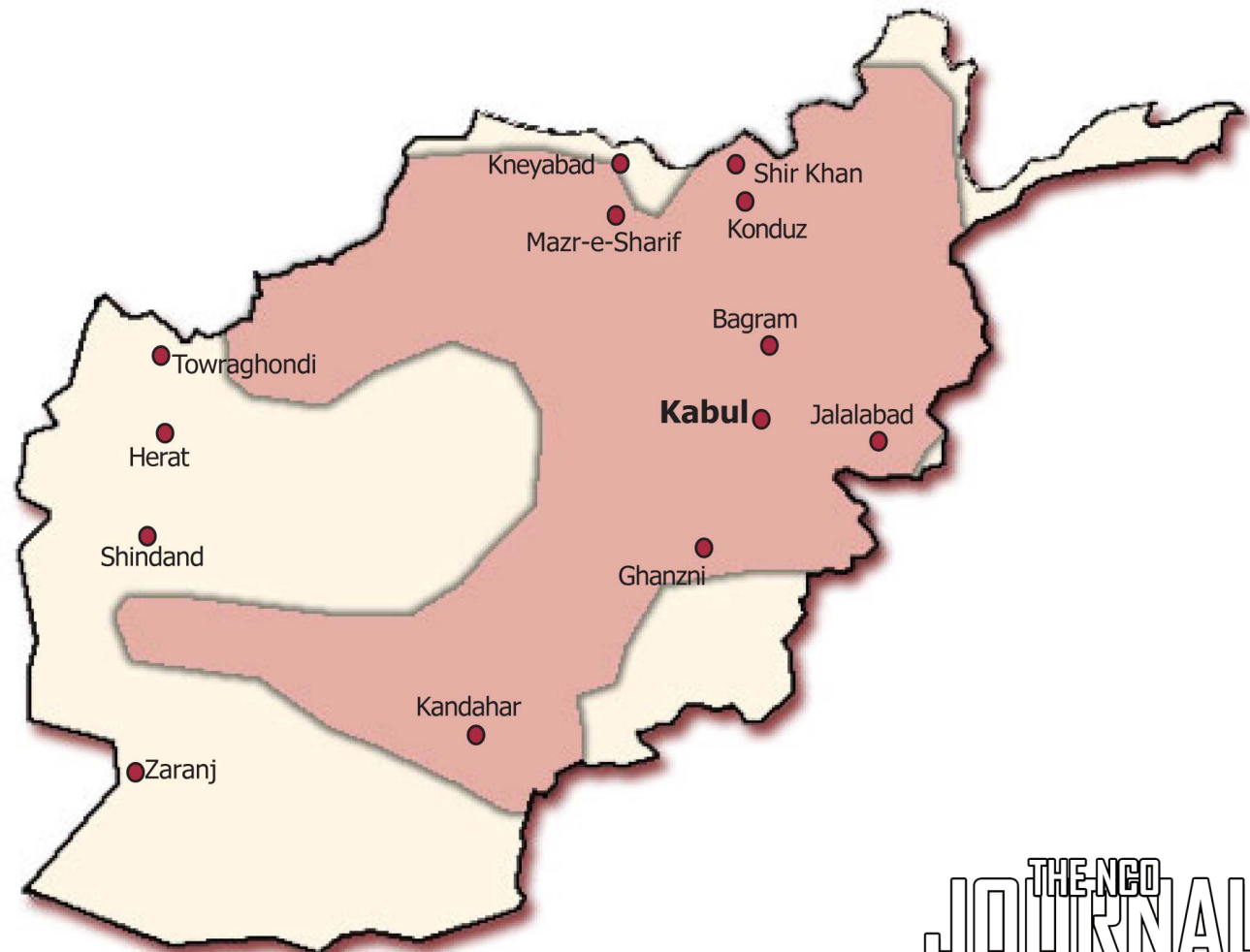
Groups operating in Afghanistan:

Taliban **Mission:** Disrupt efforts in Afghanistan **Number of Attacks:** 118 **Fatalities/Injuries:** 213/205 **Key Leader:** Naqiblah Khan (Imprisoned), Mohammed Omar **Related Groups:** Jaish-ul-Muslimin, Mujahideen Message, al Qaeda

Al Qaeda **Mission:** Overthrow non-Islamic governments and establish Islamic states **Number of Attacks:** 27 **Fatalities/Injuries:** 3521/6476 **Key Leaders:** Osam bin Laden, Kalid Mohammed, Mustafa Nasar **Related Groups:** More than 28 groups operating in 65 nations

Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan **Mission:** Regional Islamic State **Number of Attacks:** 4 **Fatalities/Injuries:** 7/8 **Key Leaders:** Jumaboi Khojev, Tohir Yuldeshev **Related Groups:** Taliban, al Qaeda

Hizb-I-Islami **Mission:** Islamic insurgency against the Daud regime **Number of Attacks:** 1 **Fatalities/Injuries:** 10/4 **Key Leader:** Gulbuddin Hikmatyar **Related Groups:** Taliban



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NOTE:

The maps of Iraq and Afghanistan are both marked with major cities; the red shaded area is the area in which attacks are most likely to occur. This is not meant to be used as a safe zone it is for illustrative purposes only. All information contained on this page was obtained through the National Memorial Institute to Prevent Terrorism - Terrorism Knowledge Bank. Terrorist groups listed are only those found on the site whose attacks resulted in fatalities and/or injuries. Other notable groups are listed on the back of this document. You can visit the Terrorism Knowledge Bank at <http://www.tkb.org/Home.jsp> for further information.

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according to the Fatwa issued March 11 against Osama bin Laden and his followers.

Bin Laden did not create Al Qaeda. Bin Laden assumed control of Al Qaeda after he approved the murder of his former mentor and friend, Abdullah Azzam. What bin Laden did as the head of Al Qaeda was to convince diverse terrorist groups to cooperate. Khilafah was one of the concepts he used to bridge differences between Sunni and Shia terrorists according to *Inside Al Qaeda*, Global Network of Terror (May 2003, Third Edition) by Rohan Gunaratna.

Khilafah morphed beyond a concept that bridged differences between separate groups into a cause, according to former CIA case worker in Afghanistan and current professor at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Marc Sageman. The concept itself became the cause or rather the solution.

Khilafah is being held aloft by Web site propaganda as the solution to many perceived and real Muslim ills such as Iraq. It could be said that Khilafah is the end state and all conflicts and issues are being used to fuel it. The struggle for Khilafah, also known as “an Islamic State,” is the main component in what Sageman calls the “Global Salafist Jihad.”

The “Global Salafist Jihad” is most closely related to the root causes of jihadist violence, Sageman said in a February 1, *Jane’s Defense Weekly*.

Salafi jihad is a worldwide religious revivalist movement with the goal of re-establishing past Muslim glory in a great Islamist state stretching from Morocco to the Philippines, eliminating present national boundaries, Sageman said in a interview for a December 1, 2004, CBC News broadcast, *War without Borders: the Salifist Movement*.

But where Sageman gives definitive boundaries for Khilafah, Hizb-ut-Tahrir supporters like, a self-styled political party and Khilafah’s main quazi legitimate proponent do not.

The group stated in a recently posted open letter that Khilafah should exist in all Islamic lands. Those “Islamic Lands” can exist anywhere on the globe.

Al-Qaeda, Sageman said in the CBC interview, is the front line of this movement, which includes many other terrorist groups that collaborate in their operations and share a large support base.

While Al Qaeda is leading the jihadist pack of the quest for Khilafah, it has also become the icon for the violent, militaristic arm of this movement to like minded but perhaps unaffiliated terrorists and would be terrorist.

“Al Qaeda is no longer a hierarchical organization, but rather an enabler for myriad



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terrorist groups and sympathizers to fight the jihadist holy war,” says Ivo Daalder, senior fellow in foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution.

The “how” of waging the holy war has shifted. Muslim collateral damage is OK and even necessary according to a statement attributed to Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi posted on jihadist Web site. But even Zaraqawi aligned himself to Al Qaeda and pledged his allegiance to Osama Bin Laden in the fall of 2004. His group is known in the western press as “Al Qaeda in Iraq.” Al Qaeda in Iraq is related to and enables many other terrorist groups in Iraq. See page 13 and 14.

Al Qaeda in Iraq is relatively new, but Al Qaeda, according to *Inside Al Qaeda*, has always supported other like-minded groups.

Some examples of support to other terrorist groups from the book *Inside Al Qaeda*, states that Al Qaeda has been supplying money, training resources and even personnel to other groups since the beginning of the 1990s :

- › Al Qaeda’s Muhammed Atef trained men in Somalia prior to the American pull out.

- › Abu Abdallah, an American from New Jersey, trained and led a 14-man Al Qaeda team consisting of retired U.S. military personnel that entered Bosnia through Croatia to train those mujahidin.

- › Al Qaeda sent trainers and fighters to Chechnya in 1994. In addition, Chechen fighters were brought to Afghanistan to train.

- › Al Ansar mujihidin were responsible for the Chechen conflicts suicide attacks— unheard of before then.

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